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Dear Climate Ac.on Planning Team,

Thank you for taking the .me to put together such a detailed Climate Ac.on Plan!

There are lots of great ac.on items in the plan. However, I was disappointed to see so liWle aWen.on on promo.ng plant-based diets. The UN Food and Agriculture Organiza.on es.mates that animal agriculture accounts for a whopping 14.5 percent of all global greenhouse gas emissions, or about as much as the en.re transporta.on sector. Even though the ICLEI excludes consump.on goods from the tally of greenhouse gas emissions, the County should s.ll act to reduce the climate and other environmental impacts of animal agriculture.

The Plan men.ons "Transi.on to a low-carbon diet " as a poten.al ac.on for individual residents. But the County itself can do much more to promote lower-emission diets. Here are just a few poten.al steps:

1. The school lunch program can be more plant-based. This should include expanding plant-based offerings as well as promo.ng plant-based diets with "Meatless Mondays" or a similar program.
2. The County should implement a policy of serving plant-based food at County events where food is served.
3. County grantmaking to business and organiza.ons should include preference for applicants that serve or promote plant-based food.

Thank you so much for your considera.on, and all the hard work you put into this plan!

Sincerely,

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